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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Statement of
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Before the

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING**

March 25, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Room 225

In consideration of
S.C.R. 79/S.R. 56

**URGING STATE ENTITIES TO GIVE PRIORITY TO APPLICANTS WHO WORK
WITHIN TWENTY-FIVE MILES OF THE HOUSING APPLIED FOR UNDER
AFFORDABLE, RESERVED, AND WORKFORCE HOUSING PROGRAMS.**

The HHFDC *offers the following comments* on S.C.R. 79 and S.R. 56. We concur that there are numerous benefits for households that live in close proximity to their place of work. However, HHFDC is concerned that adopting a priority or preference as proposed in these resolutions may violate the Fair Housing Act by limiting equal access to housing.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.